

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~multiple point connectivity to~~  
~~a Mobile Node (hereafter "MN") of a wireless communication network, the method~~  
~~comprising a connection for a data communication signal in a wireless communication~~  
~~network, the method comprising the steps of:~~

5        establishing a network interface at a ~~host network controlling element of the~~  
~~communication network thus allowing communication channels established and accessed~~  
~~by the MN to be routed between the host network controlling element and other network~~  
~~controlling elements of the communication network~~ a serving network controlling element,  
the network interface establishing at least one communication channel between a served  
10 Mobile Node (MN) and at least one other network controlling element.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 where the network interface associates  
each accessed and established communication channel with the MN and dictates to which  
network controlling element each of the communication channels is to be routed.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of  
establishing a network interface at a ~~host~~ serving network controlling elements element  
comprises:

5        establishing a multiple of communication channels between the ~~host~~ serving  
network controlling element and an MN in accordance with a standard being followed by  
the communication network;

generating signaling information that associates each established channel to the MN and the ~~host~~ serving network controlling element; and

10 routing the established communication channels from the ~~host~~ serving network controlling element to other network controlling elements based on the signaling information.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the network is operative to establish a communication channel between the MN and a data network, and further comprising the step of accessing simultaneously multiple ~~networks~~ data serving nodes by routing communication channels from the ~~host~~ serving network controlling element to other network controlling elements coupled to corresponding data serving nodes ~~data service entities which are coupled to the networks.~~

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 where the network interface is established by an MN.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 where the network interface is established by a network controlling element.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~where the network interface is established by a data serving node service entity.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~where a handoff is performed between the host network controlling element and another network controlling element wherein ones of the network controlling elements are interfaced to a data network via~~

corresponding ones of a plurality of data serving nodes (PDSN) and comprising the

5 additional step of:

performing a handoff between the serving network controlling element, the serving  
network controlling element being interfaced to a first data serving node, and another  
network controlling element interfaced to a second data serving node, whereby, during the  
handoff, communication channels established and accessed at the other network controlling  
10 element are routed from the other network controlling element to the ~~host~~ serving network  
controlling element.

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9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 where, upon completion of the  
handoff, the communication channels routed between the ~~host~~ serving network controlling  
element and the other network controlling element are removed and the MN communicates  
with the other network controlling element via communication channels established and  
5 accessed during the handoff.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 where the handoff is performed in  
accordance with a standard being followed by the wireless communication network.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 where the handoff is initiated  
by the ~~host~~ serving network controlling element.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8 where the handoff is initiated by the MN.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 where the handoff is initiated  
by a data serving node ~~service entity~~ coupled to the serving network controlling element.